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1. EGYPT DOES NOT RECEIVE FUNDS UNDER SECTION 482 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL:

I. STATEMENT OF GOAL: PROGRAM ARE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS STED IN FY-75-75 REVIEW (CAIRO 2603), BUT ARE WORTH REPEATING.

"PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO PROD EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT TOWARD EXERCISING ITS INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE IN ARAB WORLD TO STOP PRODUCTION AND TRADE IN NARCOTICS OF ALL TYPES, AND TO SUPPORT STRONG POSITION OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES SUCH AS UN TOWARD NARCOTICS TRADE. US ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPTIAN DOMESTIC NARCOTICS PROGRAM IS AIMED AT IMPROVING GOE'S CAPABILITY TO INTERDICT REGIONAL TRAFFICKERS AND INCREASE ITS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH U.S.

INTERNATIONALLY AND IN BILATERAL INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE." EMPHASIS HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ON DEA TRAINING (IN THE U.S.) OF EGYPTIAN NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICERS. TWO SUCH TRAINING COURSES (FOR FY-75) HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE
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TO EGYPTIAN NARCOTICS OFFICERS, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED

NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FROM THE GOE. WE REQUEST THAT TWO MORE SUCH COURSES BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FY-76

IV. A. COMMITMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF COOPERATING COUNTRY: THE GOE IS HEAVILY COMMITTED TO THE REDUCTION OF FLOW OF NARCOTICS INTO AND THROUGH EGYPT. THERE ARE NO LEGAL NARCOTICS CROPS AND NARCOTICS PRODUCTION IS NEGLIGIBLE. RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNTS OF HASHISH PASS THROUGH EGYPT TO LIBYA; VIRTUALLY NONE TO EUROPE OR U.S. GOE ANTI-NARCOTICS OFFICIALS HAVE STATED THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OPIUM ENTERING EGYPT IS CONSUMED LOCALLY; THERE ARE NO FACTORIES FOR CONVERSION OF OPIUM TO DERIVATIVES; AND NONE IS PASSED ON TO EUROPE OR U.S. VIRTUALLY NO HEROIN ENTERS EGYPT, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS PROBABLY NO TRANSIT OF HEROIN THROUGH EGYPT TO U.S. NEARLY ALL OPIUM ENTERING EGYPT IS OF TURKISH ORIGIN AND NEARLY ALL HASHISH IS OF LEBANESE ORIGIN. BOTH HASHISH AND OPIUM ARE USED AMONG THE ADULT MALE POPULATION AND IN 1973 THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR NARCOTICS BUREAU ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 150,000 ADULT MALES WERE OPIUM ADDICTS. GOE NARCOTICS AUTHORIZED FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT ISRAELI NARCOTICS MERCHANTS WHO HIRE SINAI BEDOUINS TO SMUGGLE OPIUM AND HASHISH INTO EGYPT, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES. WHETHER THIS IS TRUE OR NOT, GOE NARCOTICS OFFICIALS HAVE LONG BEEN ACTIVE AGAINST NARCOTICS SMUGGLING AND ARE PROBABLY WELL AWARE OF ALL THE METHODS AND AVENUES USED, AND ARE COMMITTED TO THEIR FIGHT AGAINST IT. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT APPARENTLY ONLY SMALL AMOUNTS OF NARCOTICS, IF ANY, TRANSIT EGYPT AND FIND THEIR WAY ONTO THE US MARKET, AND GIVEN THE RELATIVE EFFICIENCY OF GOE INTERDICTION AND SEIZURE EFFORTS, WE BELIEVE THAT US INTERESTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE BEST SERVED BY CONTINUATION OF OUR POLICY OF EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF GOE NARCOTICS OFFICIALS TO INFLUENCE OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES AND TO CONTINUE VISIBLE GOE SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL BODIES, SUCH AS THE UN, TOWARD NARCOTICS ISSUES.

2. WE FIND REFTEL (B) SOMEWHAT PUZZLING IN THAT EGYPT IS NON-ASSISTANCE COUNTRY AND OUR PROBLEM CALLS ONLY FOR TRAINING OF EGYPTIAN DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE U.S. PARA VI B(1) OF REFTEL (A) STATES THAT TABLES I AND II OF STATE AIRGRAM A-710 SHALL REFER ONLY TO USE OF SECTION 482 FAA FUNDS. PARA VI B (5) OF REFTEL (A) STATES THAT TABLES III AND IV (THERE IS NO TABLE IV IN OUR COPY OF A-710) SHOULD IDENTIFY RESOURCES PROVIDED FROM OTHER THAN SECTION 482 FUNDS, AND THAT DEA/WASHINGTON WILL PROVIDE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL FINANCIAL DATA. REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT DEA/WASHINGTON BE ASKED TO PROVIDE FY-74 ACTUAL COSTS, FY-75 ESTIMATED COSTS, AND FY-76(15 MONTH PERIOD, PER REFTEL B) PROJECTIONS TO COVER TRAINING IN U.S. OF TWO EGYPTIAN DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED FROM US.
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